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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

This is further to the final Office Action mailed August 11, 2006, Applicant's response dated October 11, 2006, the Examiner's Advisory Action mailed October 25, 2006, Appellant's Appeal Briefs dated March 16, 2007 and June 7, 2007, and the Examiner's Answer dated September 20, 2007.

In accordance with the provisions of MPEP 1215.01, Appellant hereby withdraws the instant application from Appeal. To reopen prosecution, Appellant is hereby filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) accompanied by the following amendment and remarks, which are responsive to the final Office Action mailed August 11, 2006.